



St John's Catholic Primary School

Health and Safety Policy

Agreed by Governing Board on October 2024
Policy will be reviewed by October 2025

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Incorporating the Local Health and Safety Arrangements for:

- **Name of School** St John’s Catholic Primary
- **Category of School** Voluntary Aided
- **School Number** 888-3800
- **School Address** Chapel Lane, Lathom, West Lancs, L40 7RA

This policy is based on the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and associated health and safety and other legislation. It should be read in conjunction with the Lancashire County Council's Health and Safety Management System which is held on the School's Portal.

As a Voluntary Aided School the governing body is the employer and is responsible for the use of the premises. The headteacher is responsible for the implementation and management of health, safety and welfare within the school. The governing body and the headteacher should work in partnership to meet these responsibilities.

As the person(s) with responsibility for the implementation and management of proper health and safety controls within the school, I/we will, as far as is reasonably practicable:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our work activities; • provide and maintain safe plant and equipment; • ensure all employees are competent to do their tasks and ensure the provision of adequate training; • maintain safe and healthy working conditions; • ensure safe handling and use of substances; • review and revise this policy and arrangements as necessary at regular intervals, and, as a minimum, following each 5 yearly review of this template by the county council; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consult with employees on matters affecting their health and safety; • provide information, instruction and supervision for employees; • prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill health; • comply with appropriate directions given by the county council on health and safety requirements; • act in accordance with the relevant provisions in the "Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire" and the "School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document". |
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Signed:	Signed: On behalf of the Governing Body
Headteacher's name: Claire Smith	Chair of Governors name: Alex Rimmer
Date: Autumn term 2024	Proposed Review date: Autumn term 2025

Responsibilities

<p>The responsibility for implementation and management of proper health and safety controls within the school is that of eg headteacher:</p>	<p><i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i></p>
<p>The delegated member of staff with day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice is eg school business manager, health and safety co-ordinator etc:</p>	<p><i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i></p>
<p>To ensure health and safety standards are maintained/improved, the following people have responsibility in their specific areas eg premises issues, fire safety and other emergencies, out-of-hours arrangements, educational visits:</p>	<p><i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i></p>
<p>Health and safety objectives for the school (as identified by accident/incident investigation, consultation, review of risk assessments, health and safety management support and audit visits; advice from the county council etc, or other sources eg DfE, Teachers.Net, other schools, the HSE) will be developed and monitored by:</p>	<p><i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i></p>
<p>All employees within the school have a responsibility to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-operate with the headteacher and his/her nominated representatives on all matters relating to health and safety; 2. Not interfere with anything provided to safeguard their health and safety; 3. Take reasonable care of their own health and safety, and not knowingly place anyone who may be affected by their work activities at risk; 4. Report all health and safety concerns to an appropriate person (as detailed in this policy statement); and, 5. Adhere to the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document which state that teachers' professional duties include maintaining good order and discipline among the pupils and safeguarding their health and safety both when they are authorised to be on the school premises and when they are engaged in authorised school activities elsewhere. 	

Health & Safety plans should be set for improvements in the management of health & safety within the school. These can be developed formally or can be informal, arising from circumstances as they occur. Actions should be documented in an appropriate way e.g. as objectives in the School Development Plan or in the minutes of Governors or Staff meetings and monitored to ensure they are achieved.

Health and safety risks arising from work activities

I/we will ensure that so far as is reasonably practicable, all areas of risk are assessed and adequate control measures are put in place to ensure the health and safety of all employees, pupils, contractors, non-employees and anyone else affected by the school's activities.

Risk assessments will be undertaken by:	<i>All staff</i>
Risk assessments will be undertaken prior to the introduction of any new work tasks / activities that pose a significant risk to health and safety.	
The significant findings of risk assessments will be reported to:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i>
Action required to remove/control risks will be approved by:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i>
The responsibility for ensuring the action required to reduce risks is implemented is that of:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i>
Checking that implemented actions have removed/reduced the risks is the responsibility of:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i>
Risk assessments will be reviewed regularly (at least every 3 years for task risk assessments and the technical aspects of a fire risk assessment; annually for the non-technical aspects of a fire risk assessment and every 5 years for COSHH assessments) or in the event of any significant changes. Responsibility for this rests with:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i>

School's Commitment

To meet the requirements of this Policy Statement, the headteacher/governing body and/or his/her/their nominated representative(s) will:

- a) draw up and implement appropriate health and safety procedures for the school;
- b) share appropriate elements of these procedures with all employees, pupils, visitors and anyone else who may be affected by them;
- c) arrange for risk assessments to be completed for all areas of work and review them on a regular basis;
- d) as part of the risk assessment process, produce safe systems of work where necessary and arrange for their implementation including any appropriate training, resourcing, auditing and monitoring;
- e) identify adequate resources for the implementation of the health and safety policy and arrangements within the school;
- f) comply with appropriate directions given by the county council on health and safety requirements; and,
- g) act in accordance with the relevant provisions in the Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire and the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document.

The school will:

- make health and safety procedures and documentation available for inspection upon request
- regularly review its arrangements in respect of the applicable topics and activities listed in the table at the end of this Policy document.

Consultation with employees

The school recognises and accepts its duty to consult with employees and will do so via a union-appointed safety representative and/or through elected employee representatives where union appointed representatives are not available.

Employee representative(s) for the school are:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i>
Consultation with employees is provided via:	<i>Premises Health and Safety committee Staff meetings</i>

Safety Representatives

The school recognises and accepts that safety representatives must be given the paid time necessary to carry out their functions, and paid time as is necessary to undergo training in those functions, as is reasonable in the circumstances.

Safety representatives' functions are to:

- investigate potential hazards and dangerous occurrences at the workplace, and complaints by employees relating to health, safety and welfare at work, and examine the causes of workplace accidents;
- make representations to the headteacher/governing body on the above investigations, and on general matters affecting the health and safety of the employees they represent;
- regularly inspect the workplace;
- represent employees in dealings with health and safety inspectors; and,
- attend health and safety committee meetings.

Safe plant and equipment

The school will ensure that all plant and equipment that requires maintenance is identified, that maintenance is carried out and that new or second-hand plant and equipment meets any required health and safety standards before it is purchased.

Responsible person(s) for identifying all equipment/plant needing maintenance:	<i>Site supervisor Greg Spencer Claire Smith Headteacher</i>
Responsible person(s) for ensuring effective maintenance arrangements are in place:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar</i>
Responsible person(s) for ensuring that all identified maintenance is carried out:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar</i>
Any problems found with equipment should be reported to:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar Site supervisor Greg Spencer</i>
Responsible person(s) to check that new equipment meets any required health and safety standards before it is purchased:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar</i>

Information, instruction and supervision

The Health and Safety Law poster is displayed at: Note: It is a legal requirement to display the Health and Safety Law Poster in a prominent position in each workplace eg in the school's reception area, or to give employees a copy of the Health and Safety Law leaflet.	<i>Staff room</i>
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Health and safety advice is available from:	<i>Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar</i>
Induction, supervision of trainees/work placements etc will be arranged/undertaken/monitored by:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i>

Competency for tasks and training

The school has arrangements in place to ensure that all new employees are provided with appropriate health and safety induction training when they start work. This will cover basics such as first aid and fire safety. Job specific health and safety training will also be provided if needed to achieve the required competency. Training arrangements will include regular refresher training where appropriate. Write down your arrangements for training here, including arrangements for record keeping.

Induction training will be arranged/undertaken for all employees by:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i>
Job specific training will be provided by:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i>
Jobs requiring specific health and safety training are:	<i>LCC Monitor and check these areas: Supervisor - asbestos management and awareness, Legionella and water hygiene, COSHH, management of contractors, working at height.</i>
Training records are kept by:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar</i>
Training will be identified, arranged and monitored by:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar</i>

Accidents, first aid and work-related ill health

The school acknowledges the legal requirement to:

- ensure there are adequate arrangements in place for the reporting, recording and investigation of incidents and accidents;
- ensure there are adequate arrangements in place for reporting work related injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences under the RIDDOR Regulations;
- provide appropriate first aid arrangements for employees and anyone attending the premises that may be affected by the school's activities;

- ensure there are adequate arrangements in place to provide health surveillance for any employees who may be **at risk** of ill-health as a direct result of their work activities.

The first aid box(es) is/are available:	<i>KS2 Matrix Hall KS1 sink area One in each classroom</i>
The first aider(s) and appointed person(s) is/are:	<i>Claire Smith Barbara Suggitt Lauren Merrill Jill Hesketh Emma R;le Debbie Riley Danielle Oakes</i>
All accidents and cases of work-related ill health are to be reported to:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar</i>

Performance monitoring

The school acknowledges its requirement to monitor the health and safety of employees and anyone who may be affected by its work activities and has appropriate arrangements in place to fulfil this requirement and to keep records.

To check our working conditions and ensure our safe working practices are being followed, we will conduct workplace inspections. These are carried out by:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar Premises Health and Safety committee led by Paul Dutton</i>
Review all risk assessments regularly (at least every 3 years for task risk assessments and the technical aspects of a fire risk assessment; annually for the non-technical aspects of a fire risk assessment and every 5 years for COSHH assessments) or in the event of any significant changes.	See Section: Health and safety risks arising from work activities for responsibility details
Responsible person(s) for investigating accidents eg road traffic accidents, slips, trips and/or falls etc before requesting assistance from the Health, Safety and Quality team if necessary:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar</i>
Responsible person(s) for investigating work-related causes of sickness absences:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i>
Responsible person(s) for acting on investigation findings to prevent recurrences:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher</i>
Responsible person(s) for the monitoring of any trends in accidents, incidents and sickness absence:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar</i>

Emergency procedures - fire and evacuation

The school acknowledges its responsibility for ensuring that appropriate emergency procedures are in place and that these are communicated to all concerned, including other users of the premises, and monitored on a regular basis.

Responsibility for ensuring the fire risk assessment is undertaken and implemented rests with:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar</i>
Escape routes are checked by/every: every day	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar:</i>
Fire extinguishers are maintained and checked by/every:	<i>LCC Yearly</i>
Alarms are tested by/every:	<i>LCC Gregg Spencer weekly</i>
The emergency evacuation procedure is tested by/every: month	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar</i>
Responsibility for ensuring arrangements are in place to deal with other emergency situations eg bomb threat, flood, etc. rests with:	<i>Claire Smith Headteacher Ruth Harrison Scott Bursar</i>

Table of occupational health and safety topics/activities that apply

Occupational health and safety topic/activity (Note: This is not a comprehensive list. Please add any further topics/activities relevant to your school.) Information and guidance is available on the Health, Safety and Quality team website :	Applicable (√)	Details of where information about the school's arrangements can be found
Accident reporting, recording and investigation	Yes	Office
Asbestos management plan	Yes	Office
Cleaning/caretaking tasks	Yes	Office, Job descriptions
Control of contractors	Yes	Office, Job descriptions
Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH)	Yes	Office
Disability access (health and safety implications)	Yes	Office
Display screen equipment and eye tests	Yes	Office
Driving at work	Yes	Office
Electrical safety, for example, installations, PAT tests, visual checks, local policy on bringing electrical items into school etc	Yes	Office
Emergency procedures other than fire, for example flood, services failure	Yes	Office
Extended school and community use	Yes	Office, lettings policy
Finger traps (internal and external)	Yes	Office
Fire safety	Yes	Office
First aid	Yes	Office
Gas safety, for example, installations, servicing, tests, visual checks, local policy on use of gas items in school etc	Yes	Office
Health and safety induction (a checklist is available on the health safety and quality website)	Yes	Office
Lettings to non-school groups	Yes	Office, lettings policy
Manual handling	Yes	H&S Policy
Mobile phones (the use of)		Staff handbook
Personal safety including lone working and violence and aggression		H&S Policy
Play equipment installations inspections		Office

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Playgrounds and external areas	Yes	Office
Premises management (see premises management guidance on the Health, Safety and Quality team's website)	Yes	Office
Pupil moving and handling (special needs)	Yes	Office, H&S Policy
Pregnant employees and nursing mothers	Yes	Office
Reporting of health and safety concerns/faults	Yes	Office H&S Policy
Severe weather including winter gritting	Yes	Office
Sharps, for example, broken glass in the school building or external grounds	Yes	Office
Stress	Yes	Office H&S Policy
Transport safety/vehicle movement – arrangements for vehicle movement, car parking and vehicle/pedestrian segregation on site	Yes	Office
Visitor and volunteers' safety	Yes	Office H&S Policy
Waste storage and disposal	Yes	Office
Water hygiene (Legionella, lead etc) – a Legionella Risk Assessment should be in place as part of your premises management arrangements	Yes	Office
Work equipment and machinery	Yes	Office
Working at height – ladders, access equipment etc	Yes	Office
Workplace inspection (internal and external)	Yes	Office

Table of non-occupational health and safety topics/activities that apply

Curriculum and other non-occupational activities (information and guidance is available in various parts of the Schools Portal)	Applicable (√)	Details of where information about the school's arrangements can be found
Administration of medication	Yes	Office
*Educational visits	Yes	Office
Food safety and hygiene	Yes	Office, Kitchen
Outdoor activities	Yes	Office
PE equipment	Yes	Office
Pupil handling and restraint	Yes	Office, H&S policy
Grounds maintenance activities	Yes	Office
Pupil movement and flow	Yes	Office
School transport	Yes	Office
Smoking	Yes	Office
Special needs of pupils (health and safety issues)	Yes	Office
Supervision of pupils	Yes	Office
Wearing of jewellery	Yes	Office
Work experience	Yes	Office

The school will also take into account the risks, and make health and safety arrangements for, non-routine, out of hours, 'one-off', seasonal or sporadic activities for example special school and community events such as school fetes, etc.

*Note: Educational Visits have a separate intranet site on the Schools Portal at [Educational Visits](#).